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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE LEGAL FOUR- POWER DISCUSSIONS ON
REGISTRATION TREATY

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1. SUMMARY. WE MAY HAVE MADE SOEM CONSIDERABLE PRO-
GRESS TODAY IN ENCOURAGING FRANCE AND CANADA TO WORK
TOWARD A FOUR POWER- AGREED LIST OF TYPES OF INFORMATION
THAT THE REGISRATION TREATY WOULD REQUIRED BE TRANS-
MITTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY, AND NOT RPT NOT TO
DRAW T E ATTENTION OF OTHERS, EVEN DY WAY OF BRACKETS, TYPES
OF INFORMATION THAT THE US WOULD NOT WISH TO DISCUSS IN A
LARGER GROUP OR IN PUBLIC. WE AGREED (1) TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON
THE POSSIBILITY OF US AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT,
AFTER AN INITIAL TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
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E. G., AN EARTH SATELLITE THE LAUNCHING STATE WOULD
LATER REPORT " SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DATA GIVEN THE
CENTRAL REGISTRY" AND (2) TO INQUIRE WHAT ATTITUDE
WASHINGTON MIGHT TAKE WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET IDEA
OF ALSO INCLUDING IN THE TREATY A LISTING OF TYPES OF
INFORMATION ON WHICH REPORTING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY
WOULD BE VOLUNTARY. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

2. DETAILS. US, CANADA, FRANCE AND USSR HELD 3 RD IN
SERIES OF MEETINGS ON US AND CANADA- FRANCE DRAFT REGIS-
TRATION TREATIES AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF TYPES OF
INFORMATION ON OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO ORBIT OR BEYOND
THAT EACH OF US WOULD AGREE TO ACCEPT AN OBLIGATION TO
REPORT TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY.

3. ORBITAL PARAMETERS. WE SAID WE MUCH PREFERRED THE
US FORMULATION REGARDING " ORBITAL PARAMETERS" RATHER
THAN THE C- F " TRAJECTORY CHARACTERISTICS, COMPRISING
TRANSIT AND ORBIT PARAMETERS", NOTING THAT TYPICAL CASE
REPORTED WILL CONCERN AN EARTH ORBITING SATELLITE.
SOVIETS CONCURRED. KOLOSISOV ALSO SAID THE SOVIETS DO
NOT ALWAYS REPORT NODAL PERIOD, AS REQUIRED BY THE US
TEXT, BUT THOUGHT THEY COULD ACCEPT THE ENTIRETY OF THE
US TEXT IN ART IV (1)(E) BY WAY OF COMPROMISE. THIS WAS
AGREED.

4. GENERAL FUNCTION. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE SIMPLE MEN-
TION OF " GENERAL FUNCTION" PER THE C- F TEXT COULD CAUSE
DIFFICULTIES, EG BY MISLEADING PARTIES TO THE TREATY
INTO THINKING THAT A VOLUMINOUS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION
WAS REQUIRED UNDER THIS RUBRIC . THIS, WE SAID, IS A
PRINCIPAL REASON FOR OUR PROPOSING THAT REPORTING SHOULD
INCLUDE " GENERAL FUNCTION OF THE SPACE OBJECT" IN TERMS
OF FOUR STATED CATEGORIES. SOVIETS SAID THEY WERE UN-
SURE ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES AND ASKED UNDER WHICH CATE-
GORY WE WOULD HAVE LISTED LUNA 21 INVOLVING THE DELIVERY
OF LUNOKHOD TO THE MOON; WE REPLIED CATEGORY B WHICH WE
DEFINE AS " SPACE RESEARCH AND EXPLORATIONZM KOLOSISOV
SAID THAT B WOULD NOT COVER ACTIVITIES ON THE MOON AND
OTHER CB' S. WE WAID OTHERWISE. CANADA SUBSEQUENTLY PROPOSED
REWORDING CATEGORY B TO READ " RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION OF OUTER
SPACE AND CELESTIAL BODIES". DOLOSISOV SAID HE
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BELIEVED THE SOVIETS COULD IN THIS CASE BE ABLE TO AGREE

TO THE 4 US CATEGORIES. WE SAID WE THOUGHT THIS CHANGE
COULD BE ACCEPTED.

5. EXPECTED DECAY AND RE- ENTRY DATA. FRANCE ACCEPTED
OUR DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN
TRYING TO PREDICT DECAY AND/ OR RE- ENTRY
DATES AND TRAJECTORIES BUT INSISTED THAT THE SPACE
SHUTTLE WOULD MAKE SUCH REPORTING ON THIS TYPE OF
INFORMATION EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. WE COMMENTED WE DID NOT
SEE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN THIS CONTEXT BETWEEN THE SHUTTLE
AND APOLLO FLIGHTS. INTERESTINGLY, FRENCH REP CHARVET
SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND A RELUCTANCE TO REPORT ON
DECAY AND RE- ENTRY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN MILITARY
ACTIVITIES, A COMMENT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE FRENCH DEL
MAY BE MOVING AWAY FROM ITS EARLIER POSITION THAT THE
AGREEMENT WILL NOT APPLY TO MILITARY ACTIVITIES. USSR
COMMENTED THAT IT" WOULD BE DIFFICULT" TO ACCEPT AN
OBLIGATION TO REPORT ON THESE MATTERS BUT SAID THEY ARE
QUITE READY TO AGREE TO INCLUDE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION
ON A VOLUNTARY LIST. KOLOSsov SAID REPORTING SUCH IN-
FORMATION MIGHT BECOME " AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY" IN THE
CASE OF AN EMERGENCY MANNED LANDING, AND NOTED THAT
IN CASES OF RESCUE REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
THE ASTRONAUT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE
SECRETARY- GENERAL TO BE PUT IN A FULLY INFORMED POSI-
TION. AT THIS POINT WE SAID WE HAD HEARD SOMETHING
YESTERDAY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING IN THE
TREATY A LIST OF TYPES OF INFORMATION WHICH PARTIES
WOULD BE BOUND T
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